

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following amended title:

**TAPE CLEANER HAVING A WEFT ARRANGED PERPENDICULAR TO A
RUNNING DIRECTION OF A TAPE**

The last paragraph beginning on page 1 and ending on page 2 is amended as follows:

The tape cleaner related to the invention, which is provided with a cleaning tape to wipe out dirt adhered to a tape surface and is composed so as to wipe out the dirt adhered to the tape surface by pressing the cleaning tape on a running tape surface, is characterized in that the cleaning tape is composed so that a weft consisting of an ultra fine fiber is exposed more outside than a warp, and ~~it~~ the weft is arranged vertically ~~for~~ (or perpendicular) to a running direction of the tape.

Page 2, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

According to the tape cleaner as composed above, because the ~~warp~~ weft is vertically arranged for the running direction of the tape, it can scrape off dirt which moves adhered to the tape surface and efficiently remove the dirt.

Page 5, the third full paragraph is amended as follows:

Moreover, although a conventional tape cleaner has a problem that in the case of running speed-up of the tape-MT, its cleaning cannot be sufficiently performed due to shortening of contact time of a cleaning tape-CT2 with the tape-MT, the tape cleaner unit 40 of the non-

limiting embodiment of Figure 1 of the present invention~~related to the invention~~ enables the cleaning of the tape MT to be sufficiently performed thanks to a close contact of the cleaning tape CT1 with the tape MT even when the running speed of the tape MT is increased.

Page 5, the fourth full paragraph is amended as follows:

Next, ~~an~~ a non-limiting embodiment to wipe out dirt adhered to a surface of the magnetic tape MT is described comparing with a comparison example. Here, the dirt adhered to the surface of the tape MT is wiped out by the cleaning tape CT1 used in the present embodiment and ~~the~~ a cleaning tape ~~CT2~~ conventionally used (not shown), thereby an amount of the dirt removed from each cleaning tape ~~CT~~ is compared.

Page 6, the third full paragraph is amended as follows:

The test was also performed in the cleaning tape ~~CT2~~ made of a conventional split type fiber and results were compared. They are summarized and shown in TABLE 1.

Page 6, the TABLE 1 is amended as follows:

	CT1	CT2 <u>conventional</u> <u>cleaning tape</u>
Dirt Adherence Amount	0.320 g	0.348 g
Dirt Removal Amount	0.112 g	0.048 g
Dirt Removal Ratio	36.6%	11.5%

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Page 6, the fourth full paragraph is amended as follows:

As shown in TABLE 1, in the cleaning tape CT1, the dirt removal ratio is 36.6%, and in the conventional cleaning tape-~~CT2~~, it is 11.5%. Accordingly, the tape CT1 is confirmed to be able to obtain a more excellent effect than the conventional cleaning tape-~~CT2~~.